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Please find enclosed the following documents for filing in the U.S. Patent Office:

1. Information Disclosure Statement
2. Form PTO1449, references
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Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of candor and good faith imposed by 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and a means of complying therewith according to 37 C.F.R. §§1.97 and 1.98, the disclosures listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 are called to the attention of the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified patent application. Copies of the cited disclosures are enclosed herewith.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e), Applicant certifies that each item of information in this Information Disclosure Statement was cited in a communication from a foreign patent office in a counterpart foreign application not more than three months prior to the filing of this Information Disclosure statement. In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(c), the petition fee set forth in §1.17(p) is not required.

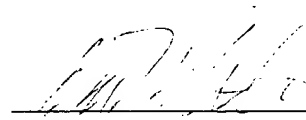
The Applicant submits that German Patent No. DE 15 02 986A is relevant to claims 1, 7

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and 9. This document was cited in a search by the European Patent Office as a document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance.

The Examiner is urged to consider the cited disclosures listed on the attached Form PTO-1449 and to make an independent decision with respect to the materiality of each. It is submitted that the cited disclosures individually or in combination do not disclose nor render obvious the subject matter claimed in the present application.

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